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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (2 pages); and
- ☒ Form PTO 1449 (3 pages).

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Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted, considered, and/or cited by the Examiner in a prior application, U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/577,890, filed May 25, 2000, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

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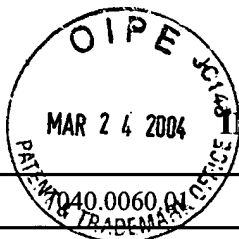
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	1,505,173	03APR69	Germany			No
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